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OUTSTANDING EGYPTIAN AND SAUDI ARMS REQUESTS

Q. Do we have outstanding arms requests from the Egyptians and Saudis other than the aircraft included in the arms sa sale proposals announced this week?

A. -- The Egyptians have discussed with us their interest in various items of American military equipment, but we do not have any formal requests now under consideration. Egypt has not yet acted on our offer of last October to sell 12 reconnaissance drones, but the offer is still open.

-- We have a long-standing and on-going military supply relationship with Saudi Arabia. Recently we have submitted to congress on a classified basis our assessment of the kinds of equipment the Saudis might request over the next few years.

-- The Arms Export Control Act of 1976 requires that all major sales proposals be submitted to Congress, and at that time they become public information.

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